

REMARKS

Claim 44 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 1-14, 45 and 46 are now pending in this application.

In the Advisory Action mailed on April 14, 2003 the Examiner indicated that claims 1-14, 45 and 46 are allowed and that claim 44 was rejected.

Applicant has canceled rejected claim 44 and believe the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Janet Embretson at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

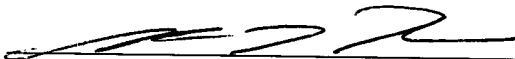
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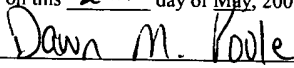
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